

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
DRAFT Minutes of November 17, 2015

Members present: Jim Morrow (chair), Quentin Kessel, Michael Soares, Roberta Coughlin, Vicky Wetherell, Jennifer Kaufman (staff).

Meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Vicky was appointed acting secretary.

Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Field Trip Review—LaGuardia property The committee discussed possible locations of parking and trails.

Guarnaccia Property Update The Town Council's public hearing will be on December 14.

Permanently Preserving Town-owned Land Jim reported on a CFPA conservation easements workshop, where he learned about the Parkland Replacement Law (7-131 N). The committee discussed properties for initial projects. Jennifer will contact CLCC staff about an easement process.

New Business

CACIWC Debrief Jennifer reported on an Audubon Connecticut campaign to promote legislation that would enable towns to enact a 1% tax on property sales. The proceeds would be placed in a municipal open space stewardship and/or acquisition fund. The committee discussed the need for an open space stewardship fund in Mansfield, and they voted to authorize Jennifer to write a memo to the Council asking for their support for this legislation.

2016 Meeting Schedule The committee agreed to continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month, but changed the meeting time to 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.